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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure, it is respectfully requested that the reference listed in the attached form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-identified application. A copy of the reference is attached hereto.

The citation of the listed item is not a representation that it constitutes a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that the reference is prior art. The item listed is submitted in good faith, but is not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of this particular item, it will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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The listed item was cited by the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China in a counterpart application, namely Appln. No. 00104822.8. A copy of the First Office Action dated August 9, 2002 is attached hereto.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

To the best of Applicant's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action in connection with this case.

The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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